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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

EVANS ET AL.

Examiner

Krisna Lim

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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1. Claims 1-15 are presented for examination.

2. The drawings are objected to because:

(a) in Figs. 1-2. suitable meaningful legends (not ambiguous acronyms or abbreviations or just numeral) are recommended for inadequately labeled drawings. Thus, the applicant is advised to change "FRU", "FRU ID", and those numerals 1 to 18, etc. to their appropriate meaning. See M.P.E.P 608.02 and 37 C.F.R 1.84(o).

(b) In Figs. 1-2, the arrow direction flow is need; otherwise, it cannot be told (e.g. see M.P.E.P 608.02 and 37 C.F.R 1.84(r)); and,

c) Reference numerals with appropriate meaning are preferred for "each" of elements [e.g., see 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)], and the applicants should, therefore, comply with respect to Figs. 3-8. In addition, the applicants should cite these reference numbers or numerals in the proper places in the specification. See M.P.E.P 608.02 and 37 C.F.R 1.84(p). Correction is required.

4. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

5. Claims 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter as not being tangibly embodied in a manner so as to be executable. A data carrier is incapable of being touched and it is perceived absent the tangible medium through which they are conveyed. Thus, claims 13-15 are not tangible.

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the

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applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Garrett et al. [U.S. Patent No. 6,877,033].

8. Garrett et al anticipates (e.g., see Figs. 1-12) the invention substantially as claimed. Taking claim 1 as an exemplary claim, the reference anticipates a method of generating identification information relating to a component of a computer network (e.g., generating one or more "suggested component" web page, col. 4 (lines 4-5); parts catalogs from component suppliers, col. 1 (lines 24-25)); online identification ... components, col. 2 (lines 52-53)) having an associated memory storing a first set of data items relating to the component (e.g., see Figs. 5A-5G, 6), comprising retrieving one or more of said first set of data items (e.g., 502 of Fig. 5A) from said associated memory and generating said identifying information (part no. of Figs. 5D-5F) from said retrieved data items.

9. As to claim 2, Garret et al anticipates said identification information is generated in a first network component (e.g., see col. 1 (lines 53-67), col. 4 (lines 39-61) in response to a request from a network management application program running in a second network component (a browser of a client, col. 1 (lines 53-67)).

10. As to claim 3, Garrett et al. retrieving data (e.g., link 502 of Fig. 5A, col. 8, lines 19-23) from a memory associated with said first network component or with another network component, and adding said further data (e.g., see suffix 3.3 adding to LM2672, col. 4 (line 58), col. 5, also see suffix adding to LM2575 part number of Fig. 5D to 5F) as a suffix to said retrieved data to generate said identifying information (part number of Figs. 5D or 5F).

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11. As to claim 2, Garret et al anticipates said generated identification information is sent from said first network component (e.g., see col. 1 (lines 53-67), col. 4 (lines 39-61)) to said second network component (a browser of a client, col. 1 (lines 53-67)).

12. As to claim 5, Garret et al anticipates said associated memory is an ID PROM (e.g., see col. 9, lines 41-48)) and said first set of data items includes at least one of a manufacturer's part number, a serial number, and an equipment type descriptor (e.g., see Part Number, Type, Model, etc. in Figs. 5D-5F, see all components of Fig. 6).

13. As to claim 6, Garret et al anticipates a computer network component comprising a processor and a memory (e.g., see processor 1204 and memory (1206, 1208 and 1210 of Fig. 12) wherein the memory stores machine-implementable instructions executable by the processor to carry out the method of claim 1

14. Claims 7-15 are similar in scope as of claims 1-6, and therefore claims 7-15 are rejected for the same reasons set forth above for claims 1-6.

15. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The references are cited in the Form PTO-892 for the applicant's review.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 (three) months and 0 (zero) days from the mail date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the application (see 35 U.S.C 133, M.P.E.P 710.02, 710.02(b)).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Krisna Lim whose telephone number is 571-272-3956. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenton Burgess, can be reached on 571-272-3949. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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September 28, 2007



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